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E.O. 11652: DECONTROL ON RECEIPT

TAGS: ETRN, GY

SUBJECT: GOG REQUEST FOR BILATERAL CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 199836

1. EMBOFF MET WITH GOG PERMSEC IN MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (RESPONSIBLE FOR CIVIL AVIATION) YESTERDAY 10/15. ALTHOUGH TALKS COVERED WIDE AREAS OF INTEREST, INCLUDING CIVIL AVIATION, PERMSEC MADE NO RPT NO MENTION OF BILATERALS. FOLLOWING DEPT INSTRUCTIONS EMBOFF DID NOT RAISE QUESTION EITHER. THIS, COUPLED WITH RECENT LOCAL PRESS RELEASES BY GOG WHICH CHARACTERIZE REQUEST FOR BILATERALS AS A NORMAL PROCEDURE NOT DIRECTED AT ANY ONE COUNTRY IN PARTICULAR, LEADS US TO REITERATE THAT GOG MOVE IS NOT RPT NOT AIMED AT US SPECIFICALLY.

2. FOLLOWING EXCERPT FROM GOG PRESS RELEASE OF 10/13
EXAMPLE OF RATIONALE. QUOTE PRIOR TO GUYANA'S INDEPENDENCE THE NATIONAL AIRLINES OF SEVERAL STATES OPERATED SCHEDULED INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES INTO AND OUT OF OUR TERRITORY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF BILATERALS WHICH HAD BEEN CONCLUDED BETWEEN THOSE STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. SINCE THESE AGREEMENTS DID NOT HAVE THE INTERESTS OF GUYANA AS THEIR PRIMARY CONCERN, THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA HAS DECIDED TO
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TERMINATE THEM AND TO CONCLUDE BILATERALS DESIGNED TO

ACCORD WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF RECIPROCITY WHICH ARE A
STANDARD FEATURE OF AGREEMENTS OF THIS TYPE. UNQUOTE.

3. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPTS POSITION AS REGARDS DIFFICULT
NEGOTIATIONS WITH BARBADOS, BUT WE SEE NO NECESSARY RELATION-
SHIP HERE WITH GOG REQUEST. WE HOPE UNRELATED PROBLEM WITH
BARROW GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT RPT NOT PREVENT TIMELY BEGINNING
OF DISCUSSIONS WITH GOG.WE REMIND DEPT THAT GOG HAS REQUESTED
THAT NEGOTIATIONS BE INITIATED NO LATER THAN JAN 31, 1974 IN
ORDER TO MEET THE DEADLINE OF JUNE 30, 1974 WHICH HAS BEEN
FIXED FOR THE CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENTS WITH ALL STATES
CONCERNED.

4. NOTE SENT TO MOFA SIMPLY REQUESTING DRAFT OF WHAT GOG
HOPES NEGOTIATE AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL. KING

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